

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022**

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Cast your burden upon the Lord,
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
Cast me not away from your presence
Give me the joy of your saving help again
Blessed be the Lord day by day,

**And he will sustain you.
And renew a right spirit within me.
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way,
Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day:
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We are of thee, the children of thy love, companions of thy well beloved Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove, into our hearts that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend; as one with him, our pattern and our friend.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that rises into song, one with the grief that finds no voice in prayer,
one in the power that makes thy children free to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord, thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word; we ask no victories that are not thine:
give us the shield of faith that we may be steadfast, attentive, firm in serving thee.**

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Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8 A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

When God Restored Our Common Life

**When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.**

**A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**

**We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil.
With laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the one who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**

**Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blessed.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears, spring up into a song.**

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The Prayer of the People (see litany below and...)

Parish Prayer cycle: Gill & Maurice Tushingam, David and Joanne Stamp

Our prayers have been requested for: Wendy, Thelma, Vivian&Junior, Glenora, and the family of Spruce Mulholland as they grieve her death. We pray for all those who serve on the front lines in the midst of this pandemic and our Archbishop, Anne Germond and for parishes/congregations in transition that they will embrace God's vision for their future and that He will grace them with the ability to focus on their ministry and mission in the world as a people of hope and faith. We pray for the newly appointed Concurrence Committee for this parish as they prepare for the plans for the transition following Archdeacon Miller's retirement.

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the day.

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Lord's prayer

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labour to pursue,
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned O let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labour on at thy command and offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day;**

**for thee delightfully employ what'ere thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

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Final Blessing & Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God!

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